



**KINGSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY FORUM**  
**MEETING No. 01-2010**  
**MINUTES**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
In Conference Room 'C' at Rideaucrest Home  
KEAF page on the City Website: [www.cityofkingston.ca/keaf](http://www.cityofkingston.ca/keaf)

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Leonore Foster  
Councillor Lisa Osanic  
Mr. Tom Carpenter, Co-Chair  
Mr. Ted Hsu, Co-Chair  
Mr. Ted Bailey  
Ms. Tina Bailey  
Mr. David Carnegie  
Mr. Andy Dubchak (KFL&A-alternate)  
Mr. Ian Dubin  
Mr. Robert Foster  
Ms. Janis Grant  
Mr. Mathew Gventer  
Mr. Darko Matovic  
Ms. Sarah O'Neill (CRCA)  
Mr. Harold Pickering  
Dr. Vicki Remenda (Queen's)

**REGRETS**

Councillor Rob Matheson  
Mr. Aaron Ball (Queen's)  
Mr. David Kay  
Ms. Bardi Vorster  
Dr. Barb Zeeb (RMC)

**OTHER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Peter Hebert (CRCA)  
Ms. Romy Baur (St. Lawrence College – alternate)  
Dr. Boyd Davis (Queen's – alternate)  
Dr. Kunal Karan (Queen's –alternate)  
Dr. James May (St. Lawrence College)  
Dr. Ken Reimer (RMC-alternate)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategy,  
Environment & Communications  
Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Wilf Sorensen  
Ms. Linda Whitfield  
1 member of the public

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**MEETING TO ORDER**

Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk, called the meeting to order.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Co-Chairs**

Ms. Powley requested nominations for Chair.

*Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Mr. Dubin*

**THAT** Mr. Ted Hsu and Mr. Tom Carpenter be nominated Co-Chairs of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Hsu and Mr. Carpenter accepted the nominations.

*Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Ms. Grant*

**THAT** nominations be closed and that Mr. Ted Hsu and Mr. Tom Carpenter be declared Co-Chairs of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum.

**CARRIED**

## **WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

A welcome was extended to newly appointed member, Mr. David Carnegie and introductions were made around the table.

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None was declared.

## **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

*Moved by Mr. Hsu  
Seconded by Mr. Dubin*

**THAT** the agenda be confirmed as amended to add within the explanation under 'Business' 10 a) 'Update regarding SPLASH - 'SPLASH – Sustainable Practices Leave a Sustainable Heritage' calculations', a statement "A discussion will take place regarding an executive summary which has been drafted by Co-Chairs Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Hsu to be provided to Council".

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Mr. Bailey*

**THAT** the Minutes of the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum Meeting No. 09-2009 held 09<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be confirmed with agreed to edits.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

There were none.

**BRIEFINGS**

- a) **Members of the Project Management Team for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Project will be present to provide an overview of the Community Sustainability Plan project.**

It was noted that Ms. Linda Whitfield, Chair, Focus Kingston Steering Committee, and two members of the public were in attendance for this portion of the meeting. Ms. Whitfield was invited to participate in the discussion.

Mr. MacLatchy provided a powerpoint presentation entitled 'Kingston – Canada's Most Sustainable City'. A copy of the presentation is attached to the record. Copies of the document 'Sustainable Kingston – Designing our Community's future...together', Draft 1 (v5) (provided by FOCUS Kingston – November 10, 2009) were also made available to members at the meeting.

To questions by Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Whitfield explained that the goals in Draft 1 were not SMART goals. The document noted that every action requires at least one target that is SMART - specific, measurable, accountable (i.e. has an action lead), realistic and time bound. She advised that this piece will be added when targets are dealt with. Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that the goals are at an abstract level.

Mr. Dubin said that targets should be measurable.

Mr. Dubin advised that although only 30 indicators have been identified there is more data, and that the sewage bypass and beach closure days have not been included.

To a suggestion by Mr. Gventer that the number of indicators be used as a guideline, Mr. MacLatchy advised that discussions are being held regarding these matters. He explained that there are many environmental indicators, but that cultural indicators are more difficult to come by. He emphasized that one pillar is not valued more than another due to the number of indicators. A core set of indicators could be established as some indicators may not be known as yet.

To questions by Mr. Bailey regarding the use of indicators in making decisions, Mr. MacLatchy described the process in relation to the community through an awareness campaign. The indicators will be presented and reviewed at the annual sustainability conference and ultimately actions will be developed from the indicators through a community process. He explained that there wouldn't be a score for each pillar due to the indicators. He further clarified that the City will develop its own corporate plan that recommends actions to support a community plan.

To a question by Mr. Gventer regarding the validity of indicators and that a review should be undertaken by those with expertise, Mr. MacLatchy explained that the project team has determined that the Sheltair Group was retained to provide advice regarding indicators.

Mr. Pickering noted that indicators under different pillars could have different interpretations. Mr. MacLatchy confirmed this challenge.

To a question by Mr. Matovic regarding the per capita mix of electricity, Mr. MacLatchy advised that Utilities Kingston or Hydro One would have the information.

To a question by Mr. Bailey regarding the scope of the plan, Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that the scope will be for the entire defined community, and that local partners external to the footprint can be influenced through example. Defined actions will determine the logical body which would assume the responsibility. Mr. MacLatchy highlighted that this is an advisory process and is not regulatory.

Councillor Foster advised that having a plan is part of a requirement for federal gas tax funds , and that other areas are doing their own Integrated Community Sustainability Plan such as the County of Frontenac. The City has received funding from AMCTO and is using a community approach.

Mr. MacLatchy highlighted the sustainability vision of the City and the importance of benchmark comparisons with other communities.

Mr. Gventer requested clarification regarding indicators other than those that are residential, noting solid waste specifically. Mr. MacLatchy said that criteria had been selected for indicators, and that they had included the data they had.

To a question by Mr. Hsu regarding a sustainable budget, Mr. MacLatchy explained the role of organizations and partners. He described a City website on-line tool, the organization of the page, and how to provide comments.

Councillor Foster requested clarification regarding those who had contributed regarding 'actions'. Mr. MacLatchy said that they have collected information provided by organizations. Ms. Whitfield added that phone calls have been made to obtain the required actions.

Dr. Remenda advised that Queen's has struck a high level Queen's Sustainability Committee, and more information can be provided at the next meeting.

To a question by Councillor Osanic, Mr. MacLatchy confirmed that the public are invited to provide comments until 18<sup>th</sup> December; comments will also be received after that date. She noted an amendment to pages 29 and 30 of the draft document.

Mr. MacLatchy noted the next steps within this process, and invited involvement by phone, e-mail, and that a request can be made to be added to an email distribution list.

Dr. Remenda commended the logo which has been developed for this project.

A 10 minute break was taken at this time.

## REPORTS

There were none.

## BUSINESS

- a) **Update regarding SPLASH - 'SPLASH – Sustainable Practices Leave a Sustainable Heritage' calculations** – by Mr. Ian Dubin, Mr. Ted Hsu, Dr. Barb Zeeb

A draft document has been prepared for consideration by the Committee and was distributed separately.

A recommendation of KEAF 09 November 2009 that a draft report would be provided to Council as a response to the letter forwarded to KEAF from the Mayor's office was noted.

A report by the Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum to Council, in response to the January 30, 2009 letter from the Kingston organization "Sustainable Practices Leave a Sustainable

Heritage" (SPLASH) to Mayor Harvey Rosen and City Council was developed further to a request to KEAF to provide comments. Attached to the report was a response by KEAF member Ian Dubin, with some input from other members.

A discussion took place regarding an executive summary which had been drafted by Co-Chairs Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Hsu to be provided to Council.

Points within the executive summary were considered individually, and amendments were considered regarding some of the conclusions.

*Moved by Dr. Remenda*

*Seconded by Mr. Dubin*

**WHEREAS** correspondence was directed to the Mayor and City Council dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009, and

**WHEREAS** within the correspondence a request was made that the Kingston Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAF) review the calculations regarding emissions from the Poker Run, and

**WHEREAS** correspondence from Guy Oram, 'Sustainable Practices Leave A Sustainable Heritage (SPLASH)' following up on a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 was noted 02 June 2009 by Council and was referred to KEAF, and

**WHEREAS** a review was undertaken, and a report was written by KEAF member Ian Dubin, with some input from other members, which details the calculations, observations, and research that were done to check claims made in the aforementioned letter (attached as Appendix 'A'), and

**WHEREAS** The SPLASH correspondence set out figures for total CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the Poker Run; and it also stated a figure for the total CO<sub>2</sub> produced by idling cars in Kingston as a point of comparison, and

**WHEREAS** KEAF's findings (produced by Mr. Ian Dubin and reviewed by other members of KEAF) are that SPLASH overstates the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the Poker Run event in a typical year, and that it significantly understates the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by cars idling in Kingston in a typical year, and

**WHEREAS** KEAF's determined effort to consult with Poker Run organizers and boat owners produced only limited hard data on fuel consumption during the event; and consequently, the numbers offered in Mr. Dubin's report are an estimate and the methodology is explained there, and

**WHEREAS** the following data is based on tail pipe emissions:

- The total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the annual Poker Run is in the range of **100 - 200 tonnes**.
- The KEAF estimate of the CO<sub>2</sub> produced annually by idling cars and light duty vehicles in Kingston, assuming that the statements on the Natural Resources Canada website are right - that these vehicles idle for about 5 minutes a day on average, is about **6000 tonnes** (roughly 30 to 60 times the product of the Poker Run).
- Other points of comparison offered in the attached report are that 1 round-trip flight, Toronto-Vancouver, for a Boeing 757 produces **122 tonnes** of CO<sub>2</sub>.

- *Based on the above, the Poker Run emits an amount of CO2 equivalent to purchasing something in the order of **400 - 500 one way individual passenger flights** from Toronto to Vancouver.*
- *One hour of flying time for the Snowbirds produces **31 tonnes**.*
- *1 medium efficiency automobile running 15,000 km annually produces **5 tonnes**.*
- *1 stop-sign on a 4,000-vehicle-per-day road on an annual basis increases CO2 production by **34 tonnes**.*
- *Anesthetic gases vented from Hotel Dieu Hospital per year are equivalent to 100 – 150 tons of CO2,*

***THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT*** the following conclusions be submitted to Council in response to the referral of correspondence from 'Sustainable Practices Leave A Sustainable Heritage (SPLASH)':

- 1. In 2009, the Poker Run event produced an environmental impact of 100-200 tons of emissions for a 3-hour event which can be anticipated for future events.*
- 2. The carbon emissions from the event should be considered within the results of the City's baseline carbon study, if the methodology permits it.*
- 3. Noise impacts, wake impacts and other postulated environmental impacts are minor and unlikely to exceed existing standards and criteria.*
- 4. The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority should be consulted on the possibility of damage to sensitive ecologies from wake effects.*
- 5. Likewise the City Engineering Department should be consulted on the possibility of damage to harbour structures from wake (chop) generated in the outer harbour during the start.*
- 6. In seeking to achieve a balance of social, cultural, economic and environmental factors in line with Kingston's Sustainability goals council may wish to consult with FOCUS Kingston. For the purposes of such a balancing decision, it is the view of KEAF that the Poker Run has a negative environmental impact.*
- 7. Among the economic implications of the Poker Run, if the Poker Run continues in the City of Kingston, attention should be given to the possibility of purchasing high quality, credible, preferably local, carbon offsets to ensure that emissions of an amount of CO2 equal to or greater than the emissions produced from the event are reduced elsewhere. Attention should also be given to who should bear responsibility for covering the costs of such carbon offsets.*
- 8. The Poker Run without carbon offsets is damaging to a culture of Environmental Sustainability.*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
**(with agreed to amendments)**  
(See Motions to Amend which were Carried)

*Moved by Mr. Hsu*

*Seconded by Councillor Foster*

**THAT** *the first conclusion which reads:*

"1. The 2009 Poker Run event produced significant CO2 emissions and therefore has unquestionable environmental impacts. **The same is certain to be true of future Poker Run events.**:"

*Be amended so the sentence now reads:*

"1. In 2009, the Poker Run event produced an environmental impact of 100-200 tons of emissions for a 3-hour event which can be anticipated for future events."

**CARRIED**

(See Recorded Vote # 1)

*Moved by Dr. Remenda*

*Seconded by Mr. Dubin*

**THAT** *the words 'an appreciable' be removed from Clause 6 and 'a' be added,*

*so the sentence now reads:*

"6. In seeking to achieve a balance of social, cultural, economic and environmental factors in line with Kingston's Sustainability goals council may wish to consult with FOCUS Kingston. For the purposes of such a balancing decision, it is the view of KEAF that the Poker Run has a negative environmental impact."

**CARRIED**

(See Recorded Vote # 2)

*Moved by Mr. Pickering*

*Seconded by Mr. Matovik*

**THAT** *conclusion # 7a) be deleted which reads as follows:*

"7. Among the economic implications of the Poker Run, if the Poker Run is considered a municipal priority, attention should be given to the possibility of purchasing high quality, credible, preferably local, carbon offsets to ensure that emissions of an amount of CO2 equal to or greater than the emissions produced from the event are reduced elsewhere. Attention should also be given to deciding who benefits from the Poker Run (the participants? the City? the DBIA?), and who would therefore bear responsibility for covering the cost of such carbon offsets."

*and replaced with the following conclusion #7b):*

"7. Among the economic implications of the Poker Run, if it is considered a municipal priority, the City should agree to the closure of Ontario Street on the condition that the organizers make a formal commitment to a plan for the elimination of carbon dioxide emissions from future events through whatever means deemed reasonable. The first priority of the plan would be the direct elimination of these emissions, with the possibility of the organizers purchasing a local offset in the event it is not possible to make these cuts through technological changes or other means. Any such offset plan would have to equal the projected emissions for the event for each year that the Poker Run is making its application for the road closure and meet the following conditions:

- the project is certified to a recognized standard;
- the greenhouse gas reductions are accurately quantified;
- show the steps that have been taken to ensure that the offset activity is one that would not have occurred in the absence of this agreement (additionality);
- 100 per cent of the offsets validated and verified by accredited third parties; and
- the whole process is completely transparent and there is a publicly accessible record of the project.”

**LOST**

(See Recorded Vote # 3)

*Moved by Mr. Gventer**Seconded by Mr. Pickering*

**THAT** Conclusion 7a) be amended to delete ‘to deciding who benefits from the Poker Run and who would therefore bear responsibility for covering the cost’,

and to replace it with ‘to who should bear responsibility for covering the costs’,

so the sentence now reads:

“Attention should also be given to who should bear responsibility for covering the costs of such carbon offsets.”

**CARRIED***Moved by Mr. Matovik**Seconded by Mr. Bailey*

**THAT** Conclusion 7a) be amended to delete ‘is considered a municipal priority’,

and to add “continues in the City of Kingston”,

so the sentence now reads:

“Among the economic implications of the Poker Run, if the Poker Run continues in the City of Kingston, attention should be given to the possibility of purchasing high quality, credible, preferably local, carbon offsets to ensure that emissions of an amount of CO<sub>2</sub> equal to or greater than the emissions produced from the event are reduced elsewhere.”

**CARRIED***Moved by Mr. Matovik**Seconded by Mr. Bailey*

**THAT** Conclusion 7a) be amended to add ‘The Poker Run without carbon offsets is damaging to the culture of Environmental Sustainability’.

**CARRIED***(see amendment which was LOST)**Moved by Mr. Matovik**Seconded by Mr. Bailey*

**THAT** the clause be amended to remove the words ‘without carbon offsets’,

so the sentence would read:

‘The Poker Run is damaging to the culture of Environmental Sustainability’.

**LOST**

Recorded Vote # 1 was requested by Mr. Pickering

YEAS: Councillor Foster, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Dubin, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Ms. O'Neill, Dr. Remenda (10)  
NAYS: Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Gventer, Mr. Matovic, Mr. Pickering (4)  
ABSENT: Councillor Matheson, Mr. Kay, Ms. Vorster, Mr. Ball, Dr. Zeeb, Mr. Dubchak, Mr. May (7)

Recorded Vote # 2 was requested by Mr. Gventer

YEAS: Councillor Foster, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Dubin, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Matovic, Ms. O'Neill, Dr. Remenda (12)  
NAYS: Mr. Gventer, Mr. Pickering (2)  
ABSENT: Councillor Matheson, Mr. Kay, Ms. Vorster, Mr. Ball, Dr. Zeeb, Mr. Dubchak, Mr. May (7)

Recorded Vote # 3 was requested by Mr. Pickering

YEAS: Mr. Gventer, Mr. Pickering (2)  
NAYS: Councillor Foster, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Dubin, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Matovic, Ms. O'Neill, Dr. Remenda (12)  
ABSENT: Councillor Matheson, Mr. Kay, Ms. Vorster, Mr. Ball, Dr. Zeeb, Mr. Dubchak, Mr. May (7)

**b) Discussion regarding the ' Active Community Charter Trails for Active Transportation – Kingston Community Report'.**

**A copy of Report EITP 09-029 was attached to the 13 October 2009 EITP agenda. The full document can be viewed at <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/cityhall/committees/infrastructure/agendas.asp>**

A recommendation of the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 was noted which referred a copy of the report to KEAF for discussion.

Mr. Ted Bailey requested that ideas regarding this matter for compilation be forwarded to him. He clarified the objective of developing short term recommendations and supplying 'easy wins'. He noted the goal is to promote an active lifestyle using trails.

Mr. Gventer said that short term 'easy wins' have already been assigned, and medium range goals are needed. He indicated he wouldn't be in support of adding benches.

Councillor Foster clarified recommendations by the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Standing Committee. She noted that this is to promote an active lifestyle and that both young and old need benches.

Councillor Osanic suggested that a recommendation could be provided by KEAF to Council to review the report.

- c) **Update regarding 'Checkbox' Implications** – by Mr. Paul MacLatchy, Director, Strategy, Environment & Communications.

Mr. MacLatchy advised that a report regarding this matter will be provided at the January 2010 meeting.

- d) **Update regarding the KEAF Annual Report** – by Mr. Ian Dubin

Mr. Dubin has prepared a draft Annual Report document for discussion.

Mr. Foster spoke on behalf of Mr. Dubin, and advised that this KEAF Annual Report is underway and will be a 2-year report to include both 2007 and 2008.

### **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

- a) **Inner Harbour Group (IHG)**  
(Dr. Laing, Dr. Remenda, Ms. Vorster)

There is no report at this time.

- b) **Partners in Climate Protection Group (PCP)**  
(Ms. Bailey, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Hsu, Mr. Pickering,)

It was noted that Ms. Grant will assume leadership of the PCP group. Ms. Vorster will also be joining the group and will be working on a statement regarding green roofs.

- c) **Communications – Environmental Strategy Group**  
(Mr. Bailey, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Foster, Ms. Grant, Mr. Gventer, Mr. Kay, Mr. May, Councillor Osanic, Mr. Dubin)

It was noted that Ms. Grant is resigning from this group in order to assume leadership of the PCP group (noted above).

Mr. David Carnegie will be joining this group.

Mr. Bailey provided an overview of the working group meeting held on 16th November 2009.

The following topics and objectives, together with assignments for members, were noted at the November meeting:

Green Buildings: brainstorm ideas to promote green building techniques in Kingston, both old and new

Environmental Checkbox: recommend implementation of an environmental checkbox to review items brought before Council

Hazardous materials/waste: identify options to reduce/replace/recycle/manage hazardous materials within the City

Packaging: identify opportunities to reduce packaging, specifically non-recycled content within the City

Active Trails Charter: prioritize longer term recommendations

SPLASH report: status

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) – Customer Service: What you Need to Know' Document

A copy of the above document was distributed separately. Members were requested to submit signed copies of the compliance form to the Committee Clerk.

## **SHOW AND TELL ITEMS:**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## **CORRESPONDENCE/DOCUMENTS**

- i.* The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) – Customer Service: What you Need to Know.

A copy of the document was distributed separately.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the regular date for the next meeting would be changed from 11<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January.

The meetings for 2010 are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Rideaucrest Home Board Room as follows:

- 08 February
- 08 March
- 12 April
- 10 May
- 14 June
- 12 July
- 09 August
- 13 September
- 18 October
- 08 November
- 13 December

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

